

Hi, my name is Amanda, I'm 24 years old and the single mother of a 3 year old daughter. Both my parents were addicts. My mother used heroin, crack cocaine and alcohol and my father was an alcoholic. I was placed in foster care immediately after I was born. I was returned to my parents for a period of time, but my father was abusive to me and my brothers and sisters, so I was returned to foster where I spent most of my childhood.

In December 2010, DCF referred me to Supportive Housing for Families. My daughter was a year old and I just left an abusive relationship with my daughter's father. I was facing eviction and had limited support as my family lives in another state. Supportive Housing for Families helped me with an apartment, and provided me with the support I needed to get my life back on track. My daughter is now three years old and we are both doing well. I just graduated from Western Connecticut State University with a Bachelor's degree in Paralegal Law and work full time. I hope to be able to attend law school one day.

If it wasn't for DCF, I wouldn't be where I am today. It's because they stepped in at the right time and referred me to Supportive Housing for Families that I can proudly say, that I'm a success. Thank you so much.